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In re application of:

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For: **ELECTROCHEMICAL SOLID
PHASE SYNTHESIS**

Art Unit: 1741

Examiner: Smith Hicks, E.

Attorney's Docket No. 16650004US03

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 24, 2000 setting forth a three-month period for response thereby making the due date January 24, 2001. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for three months thereby extending the due date from January 24, 2001 to April 24, 2001 together with the appropriate extension of time fee of \$445.00 for a small entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a). It is believed that no additional fees are due in order to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge them to Howrey Simon Arnold & White's Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 24.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks. Claims 11 and 24 have been cancelled as unrelated subject matter. No new matter has been added. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 and 12-23 and 25-51 are pending.